different posts are framed by Municipal Corporation of Delhi as required under the DMC Act, 1957. The R&P Regulations for various managerial posts already exist in most of the cases.

(c) and (d) Normally, appointments to various clerical posts are made in accordance with the provisions of the R&P Regulations for the particular posts. However, in view of the ban imposed on fresh induction in the Undertaking some appointments of Junior Clerks on ad-hoc basis have been made by DESU in the interest of work from amongst educationally qualified Group-D staff on the basis of trade test in typewriting. The resultant vacancies in Group-D posts have not been filled up.

Power requirements of Kerala

2331. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to the failure of monsoon for the last so many years the Kerala power system which is mainly hydel, is inadequate to meet the growing power requirement of Kerala State;

(b) if so, what are the alternatives before the Central Government to meet the State's power requirement;

(c) what is the present Status of the State Government's proposal to instal thermal power stations in Kerala; and

(d) in view of the acute power shortage, will the Central Government taken early steps to sanction at least two 100 MW stations with LSHS oil, diesel oil as fuel at Cochin and Cannanore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Kerala has been facing power shortage of varying degrees mainly on account of low reservoir levels due to inadequate rain-fall.

(b) In order to mitigate the power shortage, assistance to the extent possible has been provided to Kerala from the Central stations in the Southern region. In addition, various measures being taken to increase the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new capacity, reduction of Transmission & Distribution losses and implementation of demand management and Energy Conservation measures.

(c) A proposal to set up a thermal power station at Kayamkulam (2X210 MW) in Kerala is presently being techno-economically appraised by the Central Electricity Authority whose approval could be accorded only after all necessary inputs have been tied up and requisite clearances have become available.

(d) A proposal for a 100 MW oil-based power station at Cochin, comprising of multiple units of diesel generating sets, was received in the CEA in July, 1987. The proposal could be considered for techno-economic clearance only after the necessary inputs, including fuel linkage and the required clearances have become available. No proposal in respect of Cannanore has been received in the Central Electricity Authority.

Consideration of Category I drugs by Kelkar Committee

2332. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 131 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Category I list of drugs was identified by the Ministry of Health; and

(b) if so, on what basis the representations of Category I drugs were forwarded by his Ministry to the Kelkar Committee for consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN

THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Term of Kelkar Committee was extended by a period of 6 months to perform the function of reviewing any representation received by the Government regarding any discrepancies, anomalies etc. in the list of drugs of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and give recommendations. However, any decision in respect of Category I drugs shall only be taken as par the advice of the Health Ministry.

Price Control of codeine

2333. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee excluded Codeine, which is widely used in cough syrups and analgesics from price control on the grounds that the same is controlled under the Narcotics Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Narcotics Act only controls distribution and not price; and

(c) if so, whether Codeine will be brought under price control as its turnover runs in many crores and its production is not under competitive structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Kelkar Committee recommended exclusion of Codeine from price control. It noted that the three Opioid analgesics-codeine, Morphine and Petnidine—are already controlled by other Government agencies as Narcoties. All these three are produced by Government agencies and no private producer is allowed to enter in this field. Shortages of these drugs have been felt very often. Considering all these, the Committee desired that these drugs be omitted from price control under Category II.

Order for valves by Maharashtra gas Cracker Complex

2334. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of orders placed by the Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex for the supply of Industrial and Control valves during the last two years; and

(b) on which Indian or overseas suppliers these orders were placed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) During 1986-87, M|s. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited has placed orders to the extent of Rs. 4.81 crores for the supply of valves for its Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex (MGCC). During 1985-86, however, no orders for supply of valves for MGCC were placed.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

List of suppliers on whom orders were placed for supply of valves for MGCC

Safety/Pressure Relief Valves

(i) Electrical Steam and Mining Equipment Co., U.K.

(ii) Fema Inc., Italy

(iii) Nordon and CIE, France

(iv) BHEL, India

(v) Instrumentation Ltd., India

(vi) Moorco India Ltd., India